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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Date of Interview: 07 August 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1,5,17, and 21.

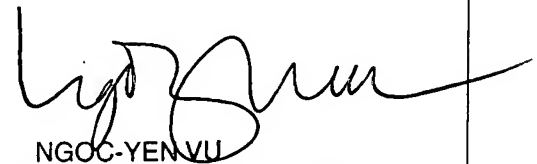
Identification of prior art discussed: Ray et al. (6,940,545) and Sannoh et al. (2003/0071908).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner agreed that removing "location of said faces within said captured image" from limitation (e) in claim 1 would eliminate the Ray et al. reference as a 102(e) reference. Examiner suggested further defining the limitation of "calculating a weighted average on the individual objects of said groups" to clarify that the weighted averaging is involved in calculating the estimated importance of the detected face regions. As for claim 5, the Examiner believes that the Sannoh reference shows the manual removal of one or more groups of pixels detected as faces, as Sannoh teaches that a user can manually select a particular detected face as a "ranging area", thereby inherently manually "removing" the other plurality of groups of pixels detected as faces. Finally, regarding claims 17 and 21, the Examiner agreed that the Ray reference fails to teach that the location of the face is automatically adjusted based upon comparison of an initial parameter with a desired parameter.